

LAUER FOUND GUILTY.

The Prisoner Declared a Murderer by a Jury of His Peers.

THE DEGREE IS MANSLAUGHTER

Public Opinion Says He is Even Guiltier Than He is Announced.

HOW ALL THE BALLOTS STOOD.

Remarkable Fluctuation in the Figures of the Voting.

THE CHANGES MADE SLOWLY.

The Verdict Agreed Upon as a Compromise Measure.

Interviews With Counsel For Defense and Prosecution—What Judge Neville Says—Lauer in the Dungeon Cell.

After nearly forty-eight hours of anxious waiting, the feeling of suspense shared alike by the accused, his friends and the public, was terminated Saturday morning by the verdict of the twelve men empanelled to try the case.

On Friday night, when the jury retired to their room for further deliberation, for three hours they discussed and rediscussed the case in all its bearings.

At a few moments after 8 o'clock they filed slowly into the judge's chamber, which was filled with a breathless crowd of those eager to hear the result.

The prisoner had been sent for a few moments before, and shortly made his appearance, followed by his two sisters, Minerva Lauer and Mrs. Tiedeman.

The supreme moment had come, and Judge Neville, turning to the jury said: "Gentlemen, have you agreed upon a verdict?"

"We have, sir," replied the foreman, Chas. J. Ryan, advancing to the desk and handing up the verdict.

Judge Neville took it, and in a clear voice read: "In District Court, THE STATE OF NEBRASKA versus JOHN W. LAUER, Verdict.

"We, the jury, duly empanelled and sworn to try the issue joined in the above entitled cause, do find the defendant, JOHN W. LAUER, guilty of manslaughter.

During the reading of the verdict Lauer's face did not betray the movement of a muscle. The same calm expression of stolidity that has marked his demeanor during the trial was there.

Hardly had the last word been spoken when Miss Lauer turned towards her convicted brother and gazed long and appealingly at him.

"Gentlemen: You have had a long slice of it in this trial, and you certainly have borne your burden well, and discharged your duty. You are discharged."

Judge Savage gave the usual notice that he would present a motion for a new trial, and the jury filed out, repairing to their respective homes.

Judge Savage was waited upon in his office by a reporter for the Bee shortly after the announcement of the verdict, and questioned as to what course the counsel for defendant would pursue.

In reply to another question of the reporter, Judge Savage said: "Lauer was very much disappointed at the verdict, though he did not appear. I will admit, to be much affected. He has been buoyed up lately by the hope of an acquittal."

possibility that her brother would be convicted."

THE PROSECUTION. "I did not expect that the jury would bring in a verdict of murder in the first degree," said General Cowin to a reporter who met him Saturday afternoon.

"Yes, so the counsel for defense say, I believe. But they ought to be satisfied with well enough, not try to better it. I am inclined to doubt that the case will ever be taken into the supreme court. In case a rehearing is had, new evidence is liable to come out, which may result in the conviction of Lauer of murder in the first degree. Just as in the Bohannon case, the verdict was changed from one of murder in the second degree on the first trial to one of murder in the first degree on the second trial."

JUDGE NEVILLE TALKS. "The verdict is a peculiar one," were the words of Judge Neville, uttered Saturday morning in response to a question of a reporter.

"When will you sentence Lauer?" "Not until the end of the present criminal term—probably not for five or six weeks yet."

"According to this verdict," concluded Judge Neville, "the element of malice or premeditation was not imputed to Lauer in the slaying of his wife. The conviction was secured under section 5, chapter 2 of the Criminal Code, which reads as follows: 'If any person shall unlawfully kill another without malice, either upon a sudden quarrel, or unintentionally, while the slayer is in the commission of some unlawful act, every such person shall be deemed guilty of manslaughter, and upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not more than ten years or more than one year.'"

A few moments before 12 o'clock Saturday a reporter for the Bee, having secured a permit from Sheriff Coburn, entered the county jail for the purpose of seeing Lauer.

The record of the next five ballots was not preserved. On the twenty-sixth and final ballot the entire twelve cast their vote for a verdict of manslaughter.

THE "PUBLIC OPINION." All Saturday the theme of discussion in public places throughout the city was the verdict. The opinion had been generally expressed that the jury would either find the prisoner guilty of murder in the second degree or would be unable to agree.

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Resolved, That we desire to express to the court and its officers the sense of obligation for many acts of kindness and attention.

Resolved, That we are under special obligation to Sheriff Wm. Coburn and his deputies. Chas. J. Ryan, foreman; Frederick B. Lowe, John Steer, D. Morris, Frank Kammer, C. R. Croft, George Bird, Patrick McArdle, W. F. Wilson, Joseph Gibbons, H. H. Bushman, W. H. McCurdy.

the discussion the utmost good feeling prevailed, though the arguments over the various points of evidence and equity were long and earnest.

Not guilty..... 7 Guilty..... 5

Not guilty..... 9 Guilty..... 3

Not guilty..... 6 Guilty..... 6

Not guilty..... 7 Guilty..... 5

Not guilty..... 5 Guilty..... 7

Not guilty..... 4 Guilty..... 8

Not guilty..... 2 Guilty..... 10

Not guilty..... 1 Guilty..... 11

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